



CITY OF  
**GRAND RAPIDS**  
IT'S IN MINNESOTA'S NATURE

**ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, December 03, 2024**  
**3:45 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Hedlund at 3:45pm.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Commissioner Ed Zabinski  
Commissioner Jennifer Gorman  
Commissioner Kari Hedlund  
Commissioner Myrna Peterson  
Commissioner Amanda Lamppa  
Commissioner Sara Slaubaugh  
MacRostie Interim Liaison, Art Shop Manager, Caleb Christiansen

ABSENT

Commissioner Aaron Squadroni  
Commissioner Angie Miskovich  
Commissioner Derek Fox  
City Administrator Tom Pagel

PUBLIC INPUT: (if anyone wishes to address the Commission)

None

SETTING THE AGENDA:

**Motion made by Commissioner Peterson, Seconded by Commissioner Gorman to add Agenda Items 4A, Children's Light Drawings and 4B, Commissioner Terms. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Slaubaugh**

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

APPROVE MINUTES:

1. November 12, 2024

**Motion made by Commissioner Gorman, Seconded by Commissioner Zabinski to approve the November 12, 2024, Minutes. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Slaubaugh**

#### FINANCIALS:

2. No Change from October to November Financials

**Motion made by Commissioner Gorman, Seconded by Commissioner Peterson to approve that there were no changes to the November Financials. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Slaubaugh**

#### BUSINESS:

3. Mayor's Art Award

The Mayor's Art Award voting was recently closed and Caleb Christiansen told the Arts & Culture Commission that the Itasca Life Options was the winner. Chair Hedlund will talk to the Mayor and Commissioner Slaubaugh will let Itasca Life Options know that they won. The Arts & Culture Commission is hoping to present the award at the last City Council meeting in December.

**Motion made by Commissioner Peterson, Seconded by Commissioner Zabinski to accept the results of the social media voting for the Mayor's Art Award as Itasca Life Options and pay for their name plaque to be affixed on their blue pinecone award. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Slaubaugh**

4. MacRostie Invoice

City Administrator Tom Pagel received the MacRostie invoice for 2024 administrative services of \$4,500.00.

**Motion made by Commissioner Zabinski, Seconded by Commissioner Lamppa to pay invoice #665 billed to the Arts & Culture Commission from the MacRostie Art Center for 2024 Administrative Duties for \$4,500.00. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Slaubaugh**

#### 4A. Children's Light Drawings

The Commission would like to do some research on the possible costs of having children's art as Christmas Decorations in 2025. This has the potential of being an annual event.

#### 4B. Commissioner's Terms

Commissioners Squadroni and Miskovich have terms that are expiring. They need to renew via email the City Clerk if they haven't already. Commissioner Zabinski's term is also expiring but can't serve another term. The Arts & Culture Commission thanked him for his service through the years. Therefore, the Arts & Culture Commission will be short at least one commissioner and needs to reach out to other possible entities such as the Reif, the School District, the GR Arts Board or the Business Community for possible contacts to fill the vacancy.

#### UPDATES:

5. NE Neighborhood Art Project

At this time there are no updates.

6. Blandin Mural

Commissioner Gorman is working on collaborating with District 318 for the printing of the murals. She will have a conversation with them and may find ways to get kids involved.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Chair Hedlund announced that she would like to have a worksession in February that would replace the regular meeting. The purpose would be to go over, condense and/or edit down some of the Commission's original goals, objectives and principles.

Commissioner Peterson let the Commission know that Lights in the Pines was doing well as sales were 900. She also said that there is a Mobility Mania event planned to take place at the Judy Garland Festival on June 21st. The event will try to break the record of dancing wheelchairs to the music of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". She would like to add this to the January Agenda and there may be a request for sponsorship from the Arts and Culture Commission.

#### SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

##### BUSINESS:

3. Children's Light Drawings
4. Commissioner Terms
5. February Worksession Planning

#### UPDATES:

6. NE Neighborhood Art Project
7. Blandin Mural
8. Mobility Mania Event at Judy Garland Festival

#### ADJOURN:

**Motion made by Commissioner Zabinski, Seconded by Commissioner Gorman to adjourn at 4:37pm. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Slaubaugh**

Commissioner Hedlund thanked Commissioner Zabinski for all of his years of service.  
Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Lyman